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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (canceled)
9. (currently amended) An item of seating furniture,

comprising:

a seat and a backrest both are supported in an articulated manner on a frame, the seat having a front region and a rear region;

an operating mechanism for adjusting inclination of the seat and the backrest; and

a catch member formed on the backrest;

wherein when the backrest is inclined from a front position into an inclined rear position, the catch member comes into operative contact with the seat as of a specific angle of inclination of the backrest in such a manner that further inclination of the backrest towards the rear brings about a simultaneous adjustment of the seat; and

wherein the seat is supported on the frame at the rear region by a pivot axis and the backrest is adjustable

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independently of the seat from the front position up to the specific angle of inclination at which the catch member comes into operative contact with the seat.

10. (previously added) An item of seating furniture as defined in claim 9, wherein the seat and the backrest have the common pivot axis on the frame.

11. (previously added) An item of seating furniture as defined in claim 9, wherein the backrest is supported on the frame by the pivot axis, the pivot axis being provided in a transition region between the seat and the backrest.

12. (previously added) An item of seating furniture as defined in claim 9, wherein the operating mechanism is formed by a linear drive which is supported on the frame by one end and is in operative contact with the backrest by another end.

13. (previously added) An item of seating furniture as defined in claim 9, wherein an angle between the seat and the backrest remains unaltered during the simultaneous adjustment of the seat and the backrest.

14. (previously added) An item of seating furniture as defined in claim 9, wherein the operating mechanism permits a change in an angle between the seat and the backrest.